

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A method for authenticating a user of a data carrier for authorized use of the data carrier and for authenticating a data carrier terminal for authorized accessing by the data carrier terminal of memory areas of the data carrier, comprising the following steps:

reading a secret code from the data carrier by the data carrier terminal, wherein the secret code is stored on a memory location that can be accessed only by authorized data terminals or can be decrypted correctly only by authorized data terminals;

presenting the read secret code to the user;

after receiving an indication by the user that the presented read secret code is correct, reading a biometric feature presented by the user;

comparing the read presented biometric feature with a biometric feature stored on the data carrier.

2. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising a step wherein a PIN is in addition presented to the terminal and compared with a PIN stored on the data carrier.

3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a finger print of a user is used as the biometric feature.

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